RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He might have been aware of it, but, he made a mistake and that mistake was corrected.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether the Registration Test Examination is now held by Government in order to enable such persons to become eligible for appointments?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I believe the examination is held once a year or whenever it is found necessary.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Were the examinations held this year?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It has not been held this year.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know when the examination was last held?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether at the next examination the persons who have acted likewise will be given the chance of appearing for it?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Economic survey of the Forests.

132. *MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any Forest Officer was deputed to continue the economic survey of the forests which the present Conservator of Forests was doing while he was the Senior Deputy Conservator;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether any report has been submitted by such officer and whether any action has been taken by the Government on such report; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, the reasons for not detailing such an officer to complete the work, as was promised by the Government?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes, Mr. K. S. Narayana Aiyangar, Divisional Forest Officer, was on this duty from 19-1-1099 to the end of the year.

(*b*) The Utilization Officer submitted a report at the end of his term. But, as he stated in his report that many of his experiments were not complete, he was asked to complete them within six months along with his duties as Divisional Forest Officer. Later on, he reported that he did not find time to do much towards the further investigation and completion of experiments on minor forest produce. Government thereupon ordered the Divisional Forest Officers to

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continue the work of investigating and conducting experiments on the minor forest produce in their respective Divisions and report the results periodically. No experiments worthy of mention are reported to have been made by them.

(*c*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): ഇതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ച് അവസാനമായ റിപ്പോർട്ട് സമർപ്പിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): ഇല്ല.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): ഈ ഏജാലിക്കാ ഗവണ്മെൻറിൽനിന്ന് എതു രൂപാ ചിലവായിട്ടുണ്ട് ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know why no experiments worth mentioning were performed by the Forest Division Officers?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Apparently they had not the time to do it along with their other duties.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Has the Government ascertained the reasons for their not conducting these experiments?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Not specially. They reported that they could not do it along with their work.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Has the Government ascertained in general the reasons for it?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The reason is that they could not find the time.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Has the Government cared to appoint a person with sufficient time to conduct the experiments with regard to the minor forest produce?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): No officer has been appointed specially for this work since then.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Has the Government considered that question?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): Will the Government consider this question as an important one?

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): On a point of order, Sir. Is an expression of opinion allowed in a question?

PRESIDENT: No.

The Chengannur (Moozhikal) Illimala canal.

133. ***MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

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